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大樹のマジ告白に真魚は!?

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大樹がついについに
真剣告白!!!
もう抱えきれないくらいになったから……
この想いはゆずれない——。
で真魚・基・大樹の関係はどうなる!!?
お待たせしました。
美味しい!?とこから
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Taamo presents.
37th Where We Must Go

"I'm saying it
because I want you
to consider me."

"I'm not saying
this because
I'm giving up."

HEY SORRY YOU TWO
BUT COULD YOU HELP CLEAN UP OVER HERE?

DAIKI...

UHM...

.....

U-UNDER-STOOD!

OKAY.

OW!

SMACK

LET'S GO CLEAN UP.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE UPSET ABOUT IT.

IT'S FINE.

They're late.

Though I guess I'm one to talk.

Daiki better not have said anything weird to Mao.

Why are they taking so long?!

I'M HOME.

I'm clearly over-thinking this.

HEY.

BACK FROM WORK SO SOON?

HEY. WELCOME BACK.

REALLY? WE CAME STRAIGHT HOME AFTER WORK.

YOU GUYS ARE JUST LATE.

UHM...

I'M NOT CONCER-NED.

I don't feel okay about it anymore ***because*** *of you!!*

WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN CONCERN?

BESIDES, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT IT'S OKAY TO COME HOME LATE BECAUSE I'M WITH MAO?

THERE'S NO REASON, I JUST WANT TO SLEEP

ISN'T *THAT* A REASON?

OH? ARE YOU FEELING SICK?

I'LL TAKE A BATH TOMORROW.

I'M GOING TO BED NOW

AH.

I'M GOING TO MY HOUSE TOMORROW. IT'S THE WEEKEND ANYWAY.

ALSO...

I'LL BE GOING THERE STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL SO GOOD NIGHT.

I-I WANT TO FINISH PLANNING THE TRIP!!

OH?

GOOD NIGHT.

WORK WAS PRETTY EXHAUSTING TODAY.

I THINK I'LL CALL IT A NIGHT AFTER I TAKE A BATH

.....

IT'S SO OBVIOUS!!

YEAH, SOMETHING DEFINITELY HAPPENED!!

DAIKI LIKES YOU?!

THAT'S A SHOCKER?!

O-OH REALLY?

YOU'RE ACTING FUNNY... DID YOU KNOW ALREADY?

.....

SINCE QUITE A WHILE AGO.

WOW, THAT WAS EASY.

SINCE WHEN?

OF COURSE NOT!! I HAD NO IDEA!

DO YOU THINK

THAT WHAT I DID WAS HORRIBLE TO DAIKI?

OR RATHER, YOU WERE SO *CLUELESS*!!

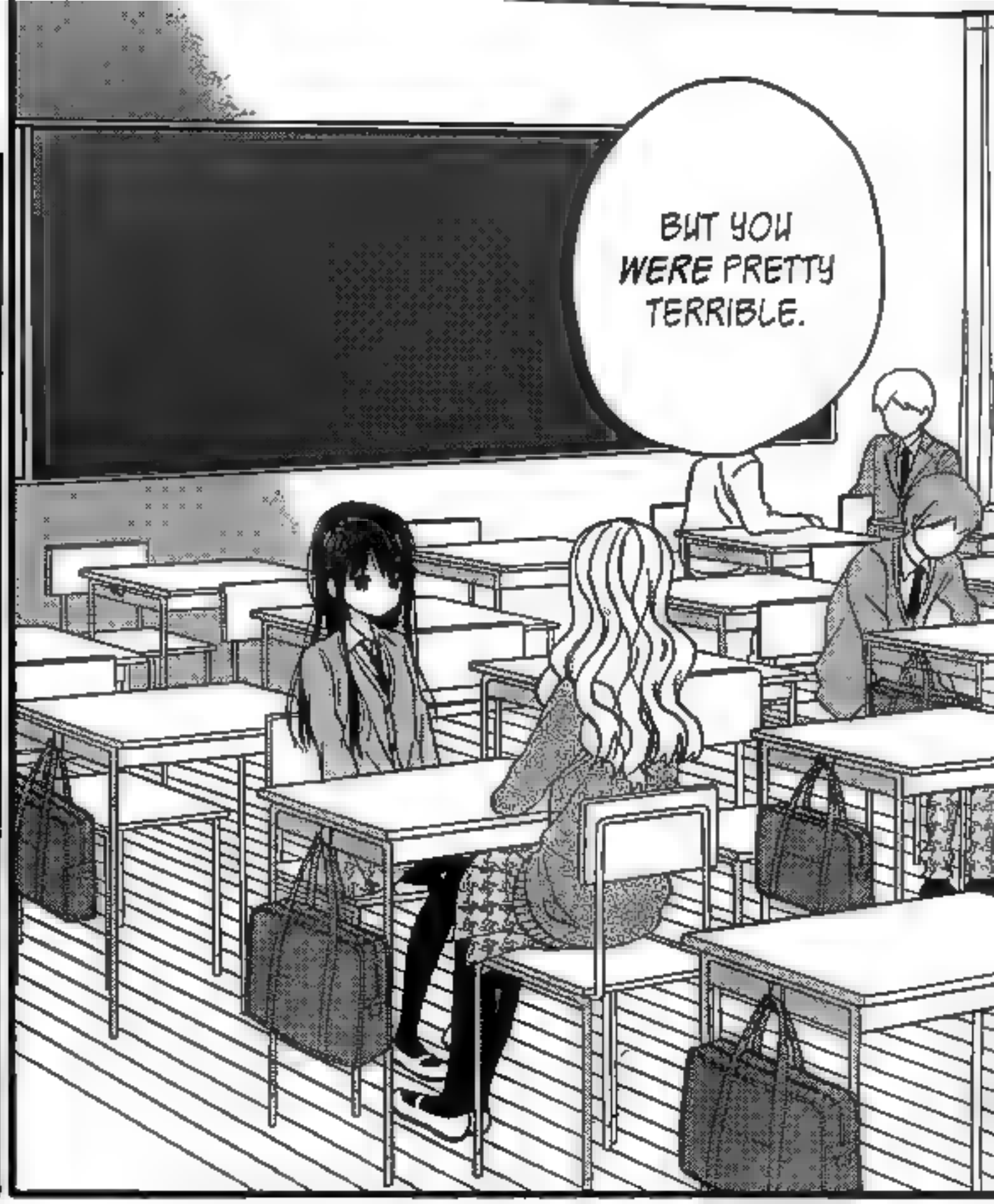
BUT IT WAS SO *OBVIOUS*!!

SO IT WASN'T MY FAULT!!

Y-YEAH. I'M SORRY, I GUESS.

THAT I'M A TERRIBLE PERSON?

WELL YOU LIKE HIRO-SAN, SO THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.



how much I
had hurt Daiki.

she was
somehow able
to tell me

With that
single sentence,
it felt like

I need to tell him soon

Regard-less

Even if it hurts him more

I need to tell him.

Even if we won't be able to cry together anymore

Even if we won't be able to laugh together anymore

Why do

fall in love?

people have to

WHAT?

YEAH.

I TOLD YOU, I KNOW THAT ALREADY.

BUT I LIKE HIRO, SO...

I-

I'M REALLY HAPPY YOU FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT ME

WELL...

TAKE A BIT MORE TIME TO THINK OVER WHICH OF US IS THE BETTER CATCH.

WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT YOU'RE DECIDING TOO FAST.

UGUU.

THOUGH I'M ALWAYS COMPARING OTHER PEOPLE WITH MYSELF AND GETTING DEPRESSED OVER IT.

I DON'T WANT TO COMPARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT.

YEP.

BETTER CATCH?!

.....

.....

B-BUT I'M GOING TO *MY HOUSE* TODAY.

LET'S GO HOME.

OKAY I GET IT. I WON'T SAY ANYMORE.

I-I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY!

IT'S BECAUSE I MADE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR YOU, RIGHT?

YES YOU ARE.

AH, RIGHT.

THAT'S WHERE YOU DECIDED TO RUN TO.

YOU'RE WRONG!! I'M LEAVING NOW!!

.....

From him

From Hiro.

I'm running away

Daiki's absolutely right

Funny how *this* used to be the place I was always running from.

HEY.

I JUST GOT BACK FROM SHOPPING.

OH, MAO-CHAN.

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY. LET'S EAT THE PERSIMMONS I BOUGHT.

YOUR BAG LOOKS AWFULLY HEAVY.

DID YOU COME STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL?

LET'S GO INSIDE.

AH!

WE'RE BACK.

HI MOMMY! HI MAO!

IT IS CUTE. YOU SHOULD SHOW IT OFF TO YOUR FRIENDS MORE.

OH YEAH?

.....

YOU LOOK SAD.

DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT?

BUT I DIDN'T GIVE IT TO HIM.

GUESS WHAT?! YOU KNOW AKKUN?

HE WANTED THAT PENCIL CASE YOU GAVE ME.

THE ONE THAT WASN'T VERY CUTE.

SHAKE SHAKE

OR WAS SOMEONE MEAN TO YOU AT YOUR HOUSE?

So why did I run? I'm such an idiot.

They weren't mean to me

They're always so good to me

They're always always spoiling me

HI DADDY!

I'M HOME.

HEY.

I WANTED TO SETTLE THE TRIP DETAILS.

TRIPS TRIPS!!

RIGHT, I FORGOT YOU WERE COMING.

...I'M SORRY.

AT LEAST WHENEVER YOU COME HERE YOU DO.

YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO UPSET

HONEY!

I'M PRETTY SURE SOMETHING HAPPENED AT NAKAMURA'S.

THAT'S WHY SHE CAME HERE.

...WHAT?

crunch

You have got to be k dd ng me

She comes here for help? After choosing Nakamura?

"Take a bit more time to think over which of us is the better catch"

I must be one of Pavlov's dogs

I'm SE Croquette too

Seems like whenever I'm in my room I start to miss Hiro

POMF

MOR-
NING.

OH? YOU'VE GOT ALL YOUR THINGS WITH YOU. GOING HOME ALREADY?

GOOD MORNING.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON.

I WAS ABLE TO GET MY THOUGHTS UNDER CONTROL JUST BY BEING HERE.

HOUSES REALLY ARE AMAZING.

.....

I JUST REALIZED THAT I SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING AWAY.

THOUGH WE STILL HAVE TO GET THROUGH YOUR FATHER'S ISSUES.

--

IT'D BE GREAT IF THIS PLACE COULD BE THAT WAY FOR YOU PERMANENTLY.

MAO -CHAN.

BUT JUST KNOW YOU CAN COME HERE WHENEVER YOU NEED TO.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED

ALL RIGHT, OFF YOU GO.

.....

OKAY.

ぎゅむ——

I GUESS THIS IS STILL A BIT STRANGE FOR ME

ぱっ

She smelled like a mom

"Moms" are sure nice

She really is trying hard

I guess the rest is up to fate

KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THEM.

HINA -CHAN?

OH?

MY AUNT WANTED ME TO CHECK OUT HIGH SCHOOLS HERE.

This is great news

L-LET'S GO BACK TO HIRO'S HOUSE TOGETHER!!

I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU, EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY BRIEFLY

I'M HEADING BACK TO SENDAI NOW

I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF YOU CAME WITH ME!

RIGHT NOW IT'S HARD FOR ME TO GO BACK BY MYSELF.

DID DAI-CHAN DO SOMETHING TO YOU?

nod

.....

.....

SO LET'S GO BACK!

YEAH!

That house is where Hina-chan is really supposed to be.

OKAY!

SHAKE SHAKE

OKAY!

With her hand in mine

I want to take her to the person who wants to see her most.

SORRY.

THANKS.

SEE YOU LATER.

YOU'RE SURE A BAD LIAR.

WITHOUT MY HELP.

YOU WENT BACK JUST FINE

MAO! THAT WAS AWFULLY QUICK.

WANT TO TRY THESE CREAM PUFFS I JUST BAKED?

THEY'RE TOO SWEET, SO NO THANKS.

I'M BACK.

SO WHAT DID YOU DECIDE ON FOR THE TRIP?

SENDAI.

MAA-KUN'S THERE TOO.

SENDAI WOULD BE NICE.

WHAT HAPPENED WITH KYOTO?

AND ARE YOU SURE YOUR DAD'S OKAY WITH IT?

BUT I JUST *WENT* TO SENDAI

AND HINA.

We could visit Hina that way

But it's not a bad idea

THAT SO?

Y-YEAH, IT'S FINE!

PLUS, YOU WON'T HAVE A PROBLEM GOING THERE *OVER AND OVER* ANYWAY!!

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK UP STUFF ABOUT IT IN MY ROOM.

I'm going to carefully consider Daiki.

I won't run from him

Just like how Hiro didn't run from me.

Hina

Daiki

Hiro.

Mom.

Yui

Dad

But just a little more.

So many people to think about

I TOLD HER, JUST SO YOU KNOW.

SHE'S SURE TAKING IT QUITE SERIOUSLY.

HEY.

KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MAO.

IS THAT HOW YOU REALLY FEEL?

.....

SO YOU *STILL* CAN'T SAY IT?

YOU SEE, I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT MAO'S FEELINGS ARE, BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW YOURS.

IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE HER.

BECAUSE I CARE ABOUT YOU TOO.

I COULDN'T SAY IT

BECAUSE I WANT TO PROTECT THIS HOUSE.

HMMM.

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TAIYOU 37

FROM THE REST OF US

If the quality looks more subpar than usual, it's because we've switched from volume scans to magazine scans since we're nearly caught up to Japan's releases of Taiyou.

Maigo.
You.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

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Always.

"It's because
I love her"

"because
I care about
you too"

"because
I want to
protect
this house"

But after he said them, they simply faded away, leaving only silence.

I thought I had always wanted to hear Hiro say these words.

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Taamo presents

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人はどうして人を好きになるんだろう。

知るこんな気持ちなるなんて

ナミヒメの家

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ジングルベル

MHM ARE YOU GONNA SPEND CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ODA-KUN?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS! THIS YEAR WENT BY SO FAST.

MAO, LOOK AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE!!

AS A COUPLE!!

OH, RIGHT!! WE'RE GOING TOGETHER THIS YEAR!!

STAR-GAZING?

EATING DELICIOUS FOOD?!

OH GOD, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

MAO!! WHY ARE YOU REACTING SO CALMLY?!

GWUEE THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A GIRL YOUR AGE SHOULD BE SAYING

DON'T WE USUALLY FREAK OUT TOGETHER?!

MAYBE WE'LL GET DOWN AND DIRTY?!

I'M GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS, SO...

SHAKE SHAKE

WHHH

DON'T YOU WANNA FLIRT WITH HIRO?!

BUT HE HATES CHRISTMAS, SO HE MIGHT NOT BE AROUND.

YEAH.

I THOUGHT I'D SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH DAD AND EVERYONE.

OH.

.....

Reminds me

of when I was a kid.

sniff

sniff

Okay

Hina can stay with us then

HINA, TRY TO HOLD IT IN FOR NOW, OKAY?

.....

SOB

SOB

sniff

sniff

たいようのいえ

I PROMISE WE'LL ALL LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN SOON.

NO.

I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

ARE WE NEVER GONNA SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?

I DON'T CARE EITHER WAY.

RIGHT, DAIKI?

I had my hands full with just myself back then

.....

Naturally, Hiro's pleas didn't reach me.

I could barely stand on my own two feet

.....

I WON'T GO BACK

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK

I'M NOT GOING BACK

Though that was my way of thinking of him

I'm undoubtedly the one who crushed his feelings.

Hiro eventually stopped asking.

I don't know how it was for Hina

but there is one thing I am certain of

The person who gave Hiro hope was Mao.

Neither Hina or I knew how to do that for him.

.....

YES~♥

OH, ME?

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE

.....

NO THANKS.

ALL RIGHT~ PLEASE COME AGAIN

THIS STYLE IS VERY POPULAR THIS YEAR

I'M SURE YOUR GIRLFRIEND WOULD LOVE IT

Mao'd probably run away screaming if I got her that

That was close.

How d I get into that store?

.....

Living on your own?
We got you covered.

.....

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after being turned down by a girl

to ignore Hiro's feelings, and then move out

It'd probably look horribly selfish of me

I need to go to work

.....

Hiro has always probably seen me as just some annoying brat anyway

THERE YOU ARE!!

.....

WHAT IS IT?

HEY, COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?

ONE OF THE GUYS HAD TO CANCEL. I PROMISE I WON'T TELL MOTOMIYA-SAN, SO PLEASE!!

COULD YOU GO TO A MIXER WITH ME TONIGHT?

I WAS SO SURE YOU'D FLAT-OUT REJECT ME WITH SOMETHING LIKE "THERE'S NO POINT IN GOING"

GOOD THING I ASKED!

ALSO, YOUR IMITATION OF ME WAS COMPLETELY OFF.

NO, IT FIT.

WELL, THAT *IS* WHAT I WAS THINKING.

REALLY?! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!! I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SO TALL FOR YOUR AGE!!

ALL RIGHT.

NICE TO MEET YOU ~

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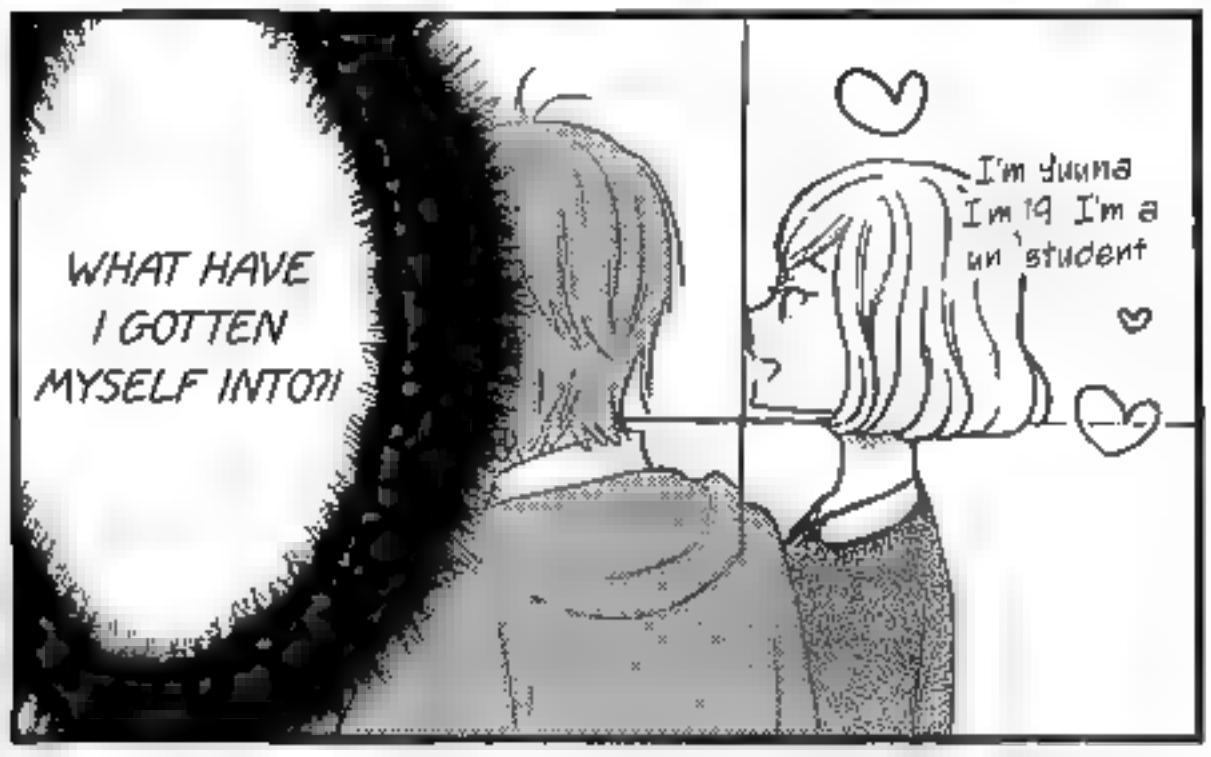

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OH, I SEE!!

THAT'S ALSO WRONG!!

NAKAMURA-KUN ACTUALLY HAS A GIRLFRIEND, YOU GUYS

Teehee~♥

Can I go home already?

Why do I have to exchange personal information with women I barely know?

I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND

I WAS DUMPED.

IT'S A PAIN TO EXPLAIN

OH?

BUT TO PUT IT SIMPLY

RECENTLY.

BY MOTOMIYA-SAN?
WHEN? WHEN?!

WHAT?!

!!
ナルホド

But I believe there are *infinite* possibilities when it comes to meeting someone *new*.

I SEE
AND HERE THINGS SEEMED TO BE GOING SO WELL

PAT

AWW
YOU POOR THING.

That's right.

It takes an unfathomable amount of influence from others to change oneself.

Hiro did it

but I couldn't

I THINK SO TOO.

be the one to

Hiro should

SORRY.

I NEED TO GO..

make
Mao happy..

Seeing Mao won't change anything

why did I just lie so I could go home early?

If I think Hiro should be the one.

Why do I like her *anyway*?

DAIKI.

I'M BACK.

MAO.

AH, SORRY.
THANKS.

THERE'S
SNOW ON
YOUR HEAD

I HATED COMPARING YOU WITH HERO, BUT I DID IT ANYWAY

EVERY SINGLE DAY

I CONSIDERED YOU, DAIKI

THOUGH YOU'RE A LITTLE MEAN SOMETIMES

AS FAR AS CATCHES GO

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO SAVE ME

YOU REALLY ARE A *GREAT* ONE

SO MUCH THAT

BUT I LOVE HIRO.

I'D RATHER NOT EXPERIENCE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE THAN HAVE HIM GONE

I KNOW THAT BY SAYING THIS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STAY FRIENDS, OR EVEN FAMILY ANYMORE.

SO...

OKAY.

OH,
I SEE.

WHA...?

SO DO
YOU.

IT'S NOT TOO
SURPRISING

I FIGURED
AS MUCH.

HIRO
MEANS QUITE
A LOT TO YOU
AFTER ALL.

BUT HIRO IS THE ONE I LOVE...

I'M HUNGRY. LET'S GO HOME.

ALL RIGHT. THIS IS GETTING DEPRESSING.

W-WHY?

WANNA HOLD HANDS?

LET'S GET BACK TO HIRO.

Sorry for troubling you

It was never my intention to make you feel that way

I just wanted to make you smile.

I wanted to see you so badly that I came back here.

Maybe, just maybe. If I had returned a little sooner, would things have been different?

There were still so many things I wanted to talk with you about.

touch you
like this

I will
ever be
able to

This will
also be the
last time

Goodbye

my sweet
little Mao.

SALUTE

SALUTE

GOOD WORK ON THE POOP REPORT.

CROQUETTE POOPED A BUNCH!

HELLO!

glug glug glug

WELCOME BACK.

HIRO.

DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?

NOT REALLY. ANYWAY, DINNER S READY

OH, YOU WERE WITH HER.

glug glug glug glug

OW!!

WHAT?

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

IT'S A LITTLE EARLY, BUT IT'S FOR YOU.

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

DON'T THROW THINGS AT PEOPLE.

THANKS, DAIKI.

WOW, A 3DS!

...I SEE!!

DAIKI! DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR ME?

NO.

THIS IS DEFINITELY WAY TOO EARLY.

BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME

NOT NEXT YEAR, NOT EVEN THE YEAR AFTER.

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER.

ALRIGHT, TIME FOR A NICE HOT BATH.

So you can't see the future now?

HOW DO *YOU* KNOW THAT?

MAO! YOU GOTTA HELP ME GET BETTER

THAT BRAT HE'S GONNA REGRET THAT AFTER I DESTROY H.M

I'M GOING TO MY ROOM NOW

IT'S NOTHING.

WHAT'S WRONG?

Daiki..

Thanks

HEY, THANKS AND SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT.

.....

DID THEY?

ONCE WAS ENOUGH FOR ME

NAKA-MURA~

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I'LL INVITE YOU TO THE NEXT ONE

NO, IT WAS MY FAULT.

A CUSTOMER ASKED FOR YOU

YES?

GOOD TO SHEE YOU!!

AHHH!! THERE YOU ARE!!

DON' SCREW WI' ME!!

GEH?! WHAT'S DAT SUPPOSED TAH MEAN?!

GEH!!

THANKS, I GUESS

I LIKE GOIN' TO DISH PLACE 'CAUSE I HAVE SOMEONE HERE WHO I KNOW AN' SHTUFF.

I HAVE

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?

SOMETHING OF MAO'S THAT I NEED TO RETURN TO HER, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK UP THE COURAGE TO DO IT YET

I BOUGHT A BROKEN HEART RECOVERY NOTEPAD, BUT...

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET VERY FAR INTO IT..

My god... You've got to be kidding me...

IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN GIVE..

I CAN GIVE IT TO HER FOR YOU, IF YOU LIKE

I HAVE TO TALK WITH NAKAMURA-SAN IN ORDER TO GIVE IT BACK..

WHO CARES *HOW* YOU DO IT? JUST DO IT.

SMACK

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?

I'VE TRIED SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS

I JUST WANT SOME SORTA METHOD, YAH KNOW?

BUT IT'S JUST SO HARD TO MOVE ON!!

YOU'VE JUST NEVER BEEN TURNED DOWN BEFORE!!

YOU'RE SO COLD COMPARED TO NAKAMURA-SAN...

sob sob sob sob sob

Y-YOU'RE... SO COLD.

PLEASE DON'T COMPARE US.

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?

I'VE BEEN TURNED DOWN BEFORE TOO.

THE REAL WORLD CAN GO BURN IN HELL FOR ALL I CARE!!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF A *ROTTEN* WOMAN LIKE ME.

UWAAA

WATCHING OVER SOMEONE IS ALSO A FORM OF LOVE, YOU KNOW.

hic

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?

I'LL HAVE SOME DEEP-FRIED DATE CHICKEN.

To be continued in Chapter 39

Maigo.
You.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

第7毛

今日のラッキーアイテムはいつもより温かいなり。

太陽のしっぽ

Hour of the sun

IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS.

I NEED TO GET SOMETHING FOR HINA.

SHE'LL PROBABLY BE HERE NEXT TIME, SO THIS MAY BE THE FIRST AND LAST CHRISTMAS THE THREE OF US SPEND TOGETHER.

GLUG GLUG GLUG

YUP.

WHAT...?

SO IT'LL JUST BE THE TWO OF YOU.

ACTUALLY, I'M WORKING ON CHRISTMAS.

JUST A BIT OF A CHANGE OF HEART.

YOU'VE BEEN OFF RECENTLY.

WHAT'S WRONG, DAIKI?

COME ON... CAN'T IT JUST BE ONE?

MAO, STOP LOOKING SO DEPRESSED AND GO BUG HIRO FOR 10 OR 12 PRESENTS OR SOMETHING.

.....

Daiki...?

I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO MY DAD'S FOR CHRISTMAS.

I WAS KIDDING.

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO PRACTICAL?

ALRIGHT, GUESS I'LL BUY HIRO A SMART PHONE

EVIL SMIRK

GUESS YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE QUITE THE LONELY ONE.

STOP MAKING THAT FACE!

BUT THAT MEANS I'LL BE ALONE...

THAT'S GREAT!

OH REALLY?

YOU TOO. GOOD LUCK WITH WORK.

CAREFUL NOT TO SLIP ON ANY ICE.

たたたっ

DAIKI.

I DID IT FOR MAO.

NOT YOU.

YOU...

SO GO KILL YOURSELF.

GOT IT?

YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE.

SNOWBALL FIGHT

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

OW!!

WHEN YOUR LOVE FOR SOMEONE ELSE

COMES TO A CONCLUSION, WHETHER IT ENDS WELL FOR YOU OR NOT

THE POINT IS THAT YOU'RE MOVING FORWARD.

YEAH.

SO STOP LETTING IT GET TO YOU!

AND IF DAIKI'S GOING TO ACT LIKE NORMAL, THEN ALL THE REASON TO LET IT GO

YEAH.

COME ON! LET'S GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

YOU STILL HAVE TO BUY COLORED PENCILS FOR YOUR SISTER, RIGHT?

TO START, LET'S ASK DAIKI WHICH COLOR PACKET HE THINKS I SHOULD GET.

THE BUNNY ONE LOOKS CUTE

I GUESS

Hummm, guess I'll go with this one?

I NEED TO ACT NORMAL TOO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I WANT TO TREASURE DAIKI'S FEELINGS.

WELCOME~

ARE THESE REALLY THAT NICE?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND BECAUSE YOU DON'T WEAR JEWELRY.

YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN IF HIRO-SAN EVER GIVES YOU ANY~

UWAAAA~ THESE ARE SO ADORABLE~♥♥

I HOPE I GET SOMETHING LIKE THIS FOR CHRISTMAS~♥

JUST GET ODA -KUN TO BUY YOU SOME!!

W-WHAT?

HEHHH

¥10,000

HAH!

I'M FINE.

IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING ANYWAY.

I really do feel for you.

Oh Oda-kun, you're in for it.

Rose gold is just gorgeous~

So pretty~

THE LAST PRESENT YOU GAVE ME WASN'T CUTE, BUT I LIKE THIS ONE!!

IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, THAT LAST ONE WAS PRETTY CUTE TOO.

WOAH, COLORED PENCILS!!

THANKS, MAO!!

WAIT, ME TOO?

SURE, IF YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD GIRL~

A DOGGY!!

I DON'T THINK SANTA WILL BE ABLE TO MANAGE THAT ONE.

ISN'T THAT NICE? I WONDER IF YOU TWO WILL GET ANYTHING FROM SANTA?

AND YOU'RE FINE WITH JUST *THAT*?

YEAH.

I HEARD SENDAI'S AMAZING.

I JUST WANTED TO ASK SANTA IF I COULD CHANGE THE TRIP DESTINATION FROM KYOTO TO SENDAI.

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BUT REALLY, ARE YOU *SURE* YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING BETTER IN MIND?

I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO SWING THAT.

HMM, I WONDER...

AH...

DON'T WORRY.

HE'S JUST PICKING UP THE CAKE.

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

I'M HEADING OUT.

SO BIG, THE OF FOUR US PROBABLY CAN'T FINISH IT

I THINK HE FORGOT YOU DON'T LIKE SWEETS.

ONE THIIIIS BIG.

BUZZ

BUZZ

I'M NOT HAVING ANY LUCK EITHER.

NO.

THIS IS ALL TRASH.

HINA.

FIND ANYTHING?

CAN WE EVEN SELL ANY OF THIS ON THE FLEA MARKET?

SO FAR I'VE FOUND AN OLD TOY COOKING SET, A SHELF, AND WHAT ELSE

THE REST IS JUST SMALL TRINKETS, I GUESS?

DON'T SELL THE COOKING SET.

MAYBE IT'LL SELL IF WE PRICE IT FOR 100 YEN?

BUT I'VE HEARD BRAND NAMES SELL BETTER, EVEN IF THEY'RE SUPER BEAT UP.

BECAUSE WE MIGHT USE IT.

WHAT? WHY NOT?

I'M pregnant!!

I WANTED TO WAIT TILL DINNER TO TELL YOU

BUT I SUPPOSE NOW IS FINE.

JUST A BIT AGO, SO WE STILL DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A GIRL OR BOY YET

WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT?!

WHAT?!

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE OLD

BUT I'VE GOT TO DO MY BEST AS A MOTHER.

I'VE NEVER FELT LONELY BECAUSE OF HINA, BUT I MEAN,

HOLY CRAP, THAT'S AWESOME.

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SHE'S GOING BACK EVENTUALLY, SO TH.S'LL BE NICE

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DON'T WORRY, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS I'M GOING TO PROTECT THIS CHILD.

EVEN IF IT MEANS YOU DIE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN PROTECT?

ARE YOU OKAY WITH TAKING ALL THOSE RISKS?

BUT EVEN IF IT MEANS

I HAVE TO RISK MY LIFE, I STILL WANT TO DO THIS.

WHA? HINA!

DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT.

YEAH, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY LITTLE GIRL GROW UP.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO MEET MY GRAND-CHILDREN.

NO, LET'S KEEP IT.

WELL, I ACTUALLY ALREADY BOUGHT A TON.

BUT MOM, SHOULDN'T WE BUY *NEW* TOYS FOR THE BABY?

GAH, SO MANY!! WE DON'T NEED THAT OLD SET THEN.

I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF IT'S JUST SO FUN PICKING THEM OUT.

I REALLY WANTED ONE OF THESE WHEN I WAS LITTLE. I'M SURE IF IT'S A GIRL, SHE'LL LIKE IT.

I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU AS WELL, HINA-CHAN.

THANKS.

HMM, THEN I GUESS WE'LL SET IT ASIDE?

IT'S FROM HIRO-KUN.

SINCE HE DOES IT EVERY YEAR

HE MUST REALLY ENJOY GETTING YOU PRESENTS

MOM, WHAT ABOUT ME?

I...

YOU'LL GET YOURS LATER

IS THAT'S WHAT WITH THAT GIRL DOING WITH ARIGA? STARTING WITH THAT'S WHO'S THE PRESENT?

I'M ALWAYS PUSHING HERO AWAY

IT'S HINA.

HELLO?

ISN'T THAT AWFUL?

YOU KNOW, I WENT THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE TO RESERVE A CAKE AT THIS FAMOUS BAKERY, BUT IT TURNS OUT I HAVE TO EAT IT ALONE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?

O-OH!

WHAT'S UP?

I'M ON MY WAY HOME FROM WORK TO PICK UP A CAKE I ORDERED.

THANKS FOR THE PRESENT, HIRO.

STOP IT!!

ALL ALONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT YOU CALL ME.

WHAT A TREAT.

AH.

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I GOT A TEXT FROM MAO.

SHE SAID YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO SENDAI, SO I SHOULD COME IF I'M ABLE TO.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO...

THESE "PUNS" OF YOURS ARE SO BAD, I CAN'T TELL WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY

MY HEART HEARTED.

I'LL GO.

A call from Hina...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, OKAY?

YEAH?

Just a little more

Just a little more

and we'll all be together again

OH, HIRO-KUN GOOD TO SEE YOU

THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER MAO AS USUAL.

IT'S NO TROUBLE

AH, HELLO.

YO.

HUH?

HONESTLY... MAO JUST HAD TO COME BACK HOME

ON CHRISTMAS OF ALL DAYS.

I'VE HEARD SIMILAR.

Welcome~

I HEAR THE CAKE HERE IS GREAT.

Thank you for your reservation.

BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO

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THAT'S NOT TRUE.

MAO HAS ALWAYS-

SHE HAS ALWAYS LIKED YOUR HOUSE MORE.

THAT'S NEVER CHANGED.

SHE WAS THE ONE WHO LEFT IN THE FIRST PLACE

RIGHT.

SEE YOU THEN.

SEE YOU.

TRIP'S BEEN CHANGED TO SENDAI, RIGHT?

I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE, SO LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

That bastard

Thinking Mao threw him away when **he's** the one who's pushing her away

munch munch

pant pant pant

Maybe there's something going on here that I'm not aware of

They must really like him

Mao and her mom must be working hard to make things work with that difficult person

He didn't seem like he was completely pushing her away compared to before

over at her house?

I wonder if Mao is eating well

This is definitely way too much for one person.

Looks like I got the same cake as Mao's family

I'M SO LONELY, CROQUETTE.

I'M HOME!!

I TOLD MY MOM THAT YOU WERE GONNA BE ALONE, SO SHE TOLD ME TO COME BACK HERE

W-WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, MAO?

WHA?

SO DAD DROVE ME HERE.

I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEM FROM NOW ON ANYWAY.

SEE?

GEH!!

I BET HE'LL COME FLYING THROUGH THE DOOR.

COME TO THINK OF IT, DAIKI'S PROBABLY GOING TO HURRY HOME AFTER HIS SHIFT ENDS ANYWAY

OH YEAH?

WELL I HAVE PLANS.

I DIDN'T WANT HIRO TO BE ALONE, SO I CAME BACK.

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WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I'LL BE BACK SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT.

KARAOKE WITH FRIENDS

LOTS OF TIMES.

SINCE WHEN DID *YOU* DO KARAOKE?!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DAIKI!

HINA SAID SHE'D GO ON THE TRIP WITH US!

THAT'S GOOD.

OH YEAH?

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SHE CALLED TO TELL ME. I CAN'T EVEN

REMEMBER THE LAST TIME SHE'S CALLED ME.

REALLY?!

YUP.

YOU KNOW, I SAW YOUR DAD WHEN I WAS PICKING UP THE CAKE EARLIER.

OH?

OR WAIT, MAYBE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE'S EVER DONE IT.

I GET THE FEELING BOTH YOUR DAD AND HINA ARE SLOWLY BUT SURELY WARMING UP TO US

ALSO, IT SEEMS LIKE I CAN EAT THE CAKE FROM THERE.

REALLY?

HE LOOKED REALLY HAPPY WHEN HE PICKED UP THAT HUGE CAKE

IN FACT, HE SEEMED DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE

YEP.

SO THAT MEANS WE GOT THE SAME ONE?

I WAS ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY.

I NEVER THOUGHT OF TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HIM, OR OF WANTING HIM TO UNDERSTAND ME.

CHANGING PEOPLE'S HEARTS IS SO HARD

YOU CAN'T EVEN START UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND YOURSELF FIRST.

TO BE ACCEPTED BY WAS YOU.

THE FIRST PERSON I EVER WANTED

IF I HADN'T FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU

I MIGHT HAVE NEVER GONE BACK TO MY HOUSE I MIGHT HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FACE MY DAD EITHER

YEAH.

I GOT IT.

AH, WAIT, I FORGOT, I DON'T LIKE YOU!

I WAS JUST KIDDING!

YEAH?

YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF YOU I WAS ABLE TO GIVE IT MY ALL.

MAO.

A PRESENT? BUT I DIDN'T GET ONE FOR YOU!

IT'S FINE. YOU COMING BACK WAS ENOUGH OF ONE.

A PRESENT, OBVIOUSLY.

...UH, WHAT IS THIS?

Try to look a little happier?

NO. SHOULD I HAVE GOTTEN YOU ONE THAT WAS?

UWA!! YOU GOT ME A NECKLACE!! WASN'T THIS SUPER EXPENSIVE?!

Way more than I thought it would

makes me really happy

THIS ACTUALLY...

NO, THIS IS FINE.

YOU'RE PUTTING IT ON?! I'M GOING TO HIT YOU IF TRY ANYTHING!! YOU'RE TOUCHING THE NAPE OF A GIRL'S NECK, YOU KNOW!!

BE QUIET.

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WEAR IT

ALL RIGHT, I'LL STOW IT AWAY SOMEWHERE

GIVE IT HERE.

'KAY, THEN I'LL PUT IT ON.

WHAT DO YOU WANT EXACTLY?

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OH, SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT?

UGUUU

JUST BE QUIET FOR A SECOND. YOU'RE BLUSHING, AREN'T YOU?

YEAH.

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TALK.

ALRIGHT,
SHALL WE GO?

YEAH,
LET'S GO

TO FICK
UP DAIKI

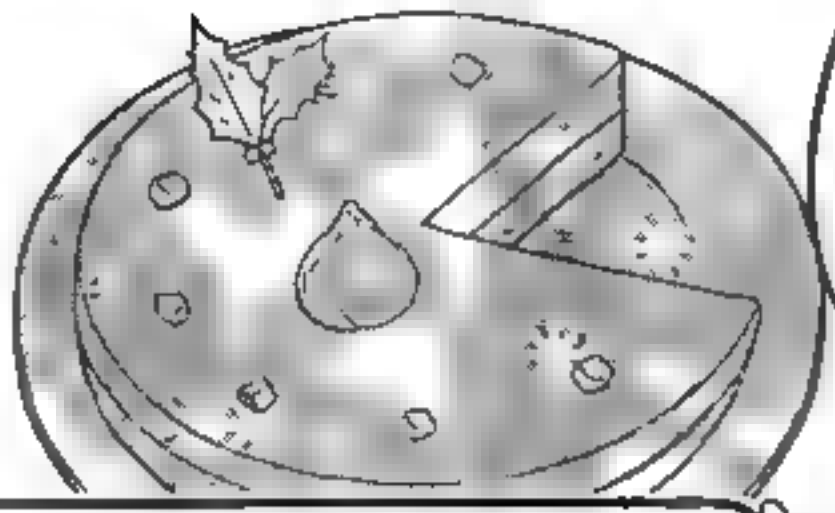
GEH!!

THERE YOU ARE!!

THEN COME HOME WITH US.

WE FINISHED SOONER THAN I THOUGHT WE WOULD.

LET'S EAT THAT HUGE CAKE TOGETHER.



♥ To be continued in Chapter 40 ♥

Maigo.
You.
We need hands. Specifically, yours. So let's talk.
Go to bit.ly/maigochat for an interview.

Countdown

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I'LL DO THE CLEANING, SO IT'LL BE FINE.

ER, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

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DANG, DUDE.

AMAZING AS IT IS, IT'S A CLEAR INDICATION THAT YOU CAN'T GET MARRIED.

SHUT UP. ISN'T THAT WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO?!

SOUNDS PRETTY BORING.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ANYWAY?

BY THE WAY, WHAT'D YOU DO FOR CHRISTMAS?

SPENT IT WITH MY FAMILY.

You shouldn't ask women that.

HEY SUGIMOTO-SAN, WHAT'D YOU DO FOR CHRISTMAS?

playing LovePlus for the first time in a while!

Spent it at my house

WHAT THE HECK IS LOVEPLUS?

AHH, GIRLS NIGHT OUT, HUH? WISH I COULD JOIN~

S-SPENT IT WITH FRIENDS.

W-WHAT? ME?!

I wonder what it's like to spend Christmas with the person you love

Did Nakamura-san spend his with Kuukai-san?

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Maa-kun

Maa-kun

LOL RUIRUI, I know right?!

I spent it with friends... drinking and talking about Maa-kun on skype until morning

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but I just can't bring myself to do it yet

I still have to return "Kuukai" to her

I still don't even want to see her face.

Honestly

I CAN'T SEEM TO FINISH FOR SOME REASON.

I COULD DO IT BETTER.

HMPH...

MEANIE!!

I-I THOUGHT IT'D BE BEST IF I TOOK EVERYTHING OUT FIRST, THEN PUT IT ALL AWAY!!

WELL, WHY ARE YOU MAKING IT MESSIER?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M NOT?! YOU GUYS ARE MEAN!!

YEAH, BETTER THAT HE DO IT.

HINA'S PROBABLY COMING HOME NEXT YEAR, SO WE NEED TO BE THOROUGH.

FINE THEN. BE MY GUEST.

HIRO~ DAIKI SAID HE'LL CLEAN THE JAPANESE ROOM FOR ME

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I'M GONNA GO CLEAN MY ROOM NOW!

JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL MAKE IT SPARKLE!!

LOOKIN' FORWARD TO IT

has happened since then.

So much

The feelings, everything.

I have to leave it all here for her.

This is Hina-chan's place.

I didn't know I had this much stuff!!

ACK!

How am I gonna take this all home?

I guess this shows how much has happened since I came here

HIRO, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH THIS?

PEEL OFF THE MEMBRANE, AND THEN, MAKE SURE TO GET THE SALT OUT, PLEASE

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SUPER HARD! I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO DO IT RIGHT

ARE THEY HARD TO MAKE?

YOU JUST HAVE TO TAKE YOUR TIME WITH IT.

OH YEAH?

They're so glossy

WOW, HOW ARE YOU SO GOOD AT BOILING BLACK SOYBEANS?

IT'S A BIT OF A SPECIAL OCCASION WITH YOU TWO HERE, SO I WANTED TO MAKE EVERYTHING BY HAND.

BLACK SOYBEANS SYMBOLIZE GOOD HEALTH, SO WE CAN'T JUST SKIP THEM. THEY ARE ALSO REALLY TASTY.

nom nom nom

WHY DO YOU STILL TRY TO MAKE THEM THEN?

WHAT I'M SAYING IS YOU SHOULD JUST GO *BUY* THEM!

THE SEA CUCUMBER AND MASHED SWEET POTATOES ARE FOR A PLENTIFUL HARVEST.

HERRING ROE IS FOR FERTILITY.

AND THE LOTUS ROOT IS FOR FORESIGHT.

THE KONBU IS FOR JOY.

SHRIMP IS FOR LONGEVITY. THE SEA-BREAM IS FOR... WELL, PROSPERITY.

YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE, RIGHT?

OSECHI ARE MADE WITH OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

I guess they're made with family in mind, huh.

But

HOW WAS THAT FOR A LESSON?

HMM...

IT WAS MOSTLY IRRITATING.

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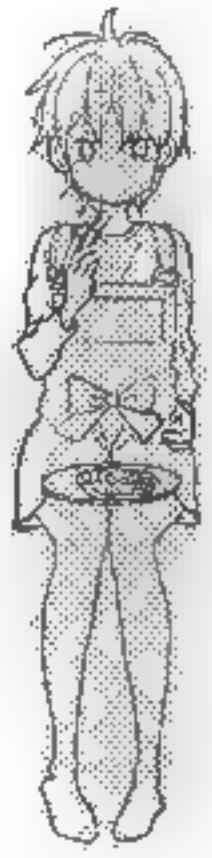
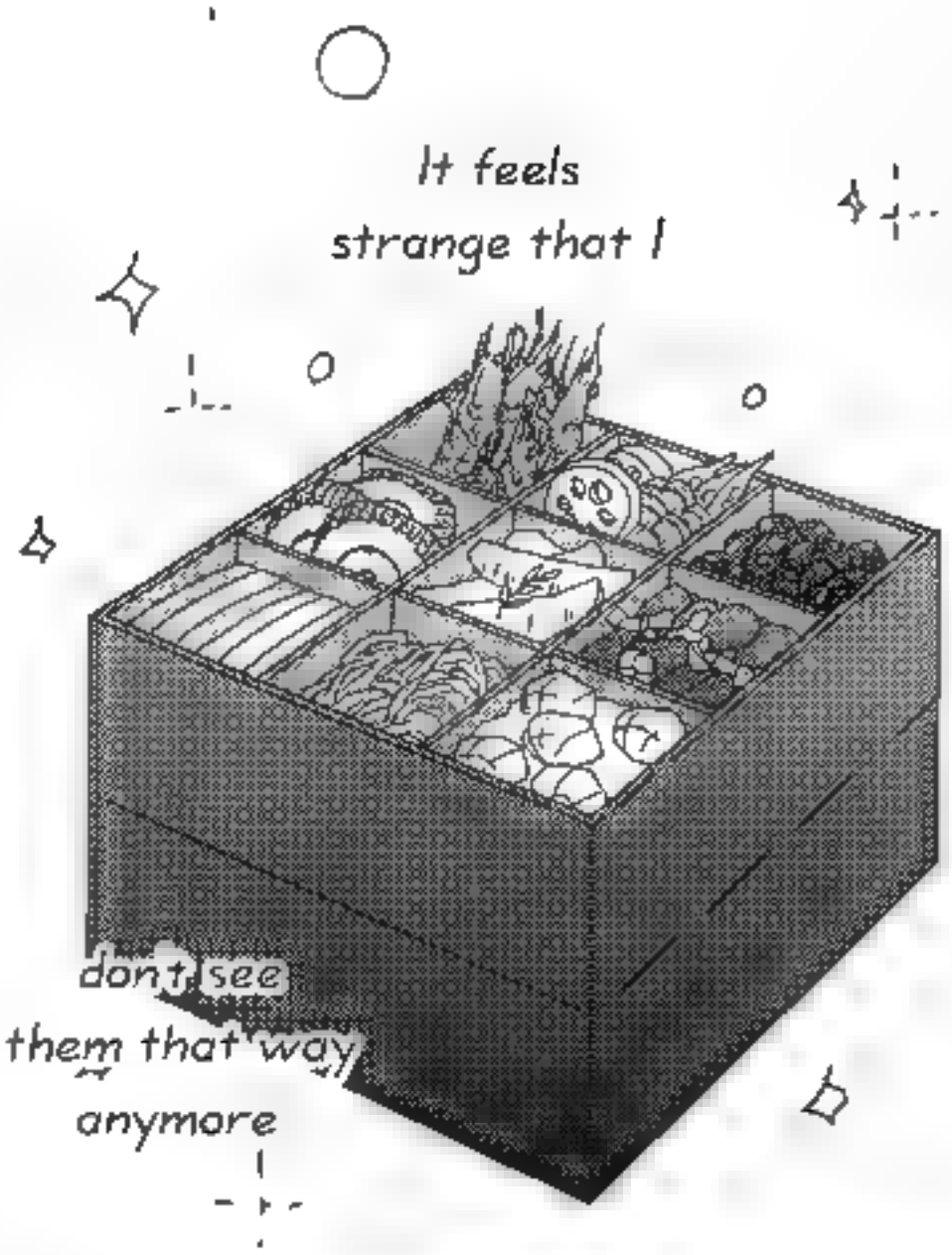
I always thought osechi were just something you bought at the grocery store.

They're gross looking and not very tasty, so I used to hate them.

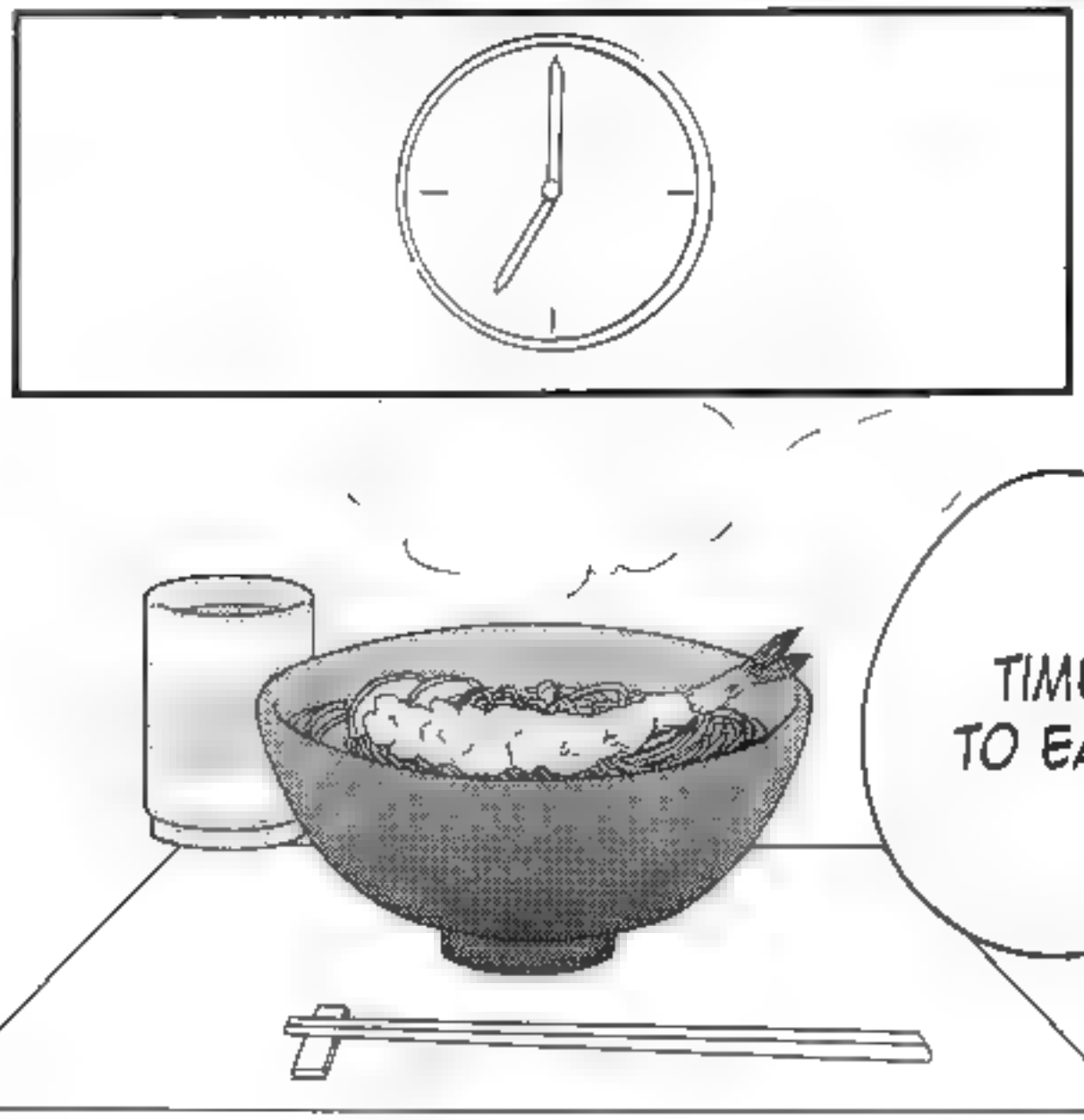


It feels strange that I don't see them that way anymore



It would be nice if I could make one with my mom next year

TL NOTE: OSECHI IS A SPECIAL NEW YEARS BENTO.



WHAT TIME DID WE DECIDE TO GO TO THE SHRINE? WE'RE ALL MEETING UP AT MAO'S HOUSE FIRST, RIGHT?

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11, I THINK? BUT MAO'S GOING OVER AT 10 TO GET CHANGED.

YEP.

YOU MADE TOSHIKOSHI SOBA!!

SHUT UP!!

YOU KNOW, HIKOSHI SOBA ED TO WARD F BAD LUCK, ND ALSO SO HAT YOU LIVE-

WHAT ABOUT MAO?!

I don't get it!

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YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A LITTLE KID

JUST SHUT UP AND EAT YOUR FOOD, HIRO

MY MOM SAID SHE'D HELP ME PUT IT ON.

WELL,

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THE ONE AT WORK IS DIFFERENT

YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR A KIMONO?

WHY BOTHER WHEN YOU WEAR ONE AT WORK ALL THE TIME?

IT FEELS LIKE NEW YEARS.

YEAH, IT'S NICE.

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slurp

HMMM

IT IS A SPECIAL OCCASION AFTER ALL

CHI-CHAN SAID SHE WAS GONNA WEAR ONE TOO

SHE HAS REALLY PONDERED ABOUT GOING WITH COORDINATE

YEAH.

THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS NEW YEARS

YEP!

for a family to get together like this.

that there were so many chances in a year

Who knew

HERE... WE... GO!!

OKAY! HOLD THIS FOR ME, MAO.

MOM?

YOU KNOW...

THE FABRIC GETS RUINED IF YOU DON'T FASTEN IT RIGHT!!

YEP!!

ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS HOW I DIDN'T HAVE A MOM.

LAST SUMMER WHEN MY FRIEND'S MOM HELPED ME PUT ON A YUKATA

BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE ANYMORE.

YEAH.

THANKS.

YEAH?

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SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

HEY.

YOU LOOK REALLY CUTE IN A KIMONO.

STOP IT YOU GUYS!!

YOU'RE SCARING ME!!

CUTE.

C-CU...

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LET'S GO!

HI!!

HELLO HIRO-KUN, DAIKI-KUN

I HOPE WE DIDN'T KEEP YOU LONG

THANKS.

OOOH! YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE YOURSELF.

JUST LIKE MY SISTER WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE.

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PEEK

I'm always asking for the same things, aren't I?

and help Hina-chan to come home as soon as possible

Please help me get along with my family.

I wonder what Hiro asked for?

OH, THERE'S THE BELL.

*THE BELL IS CALLED JOYA-NO-KANE AND IS RUNG 108 TIMES.

I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO JOIN US.

THANK YOU.

SEEMS THIS YEAR IS FINALLY OVER.

IT'S MORE FUN WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE!

IT'S FINE.

THAT'S RIGHT

HEY! IT'S JUST LIKE *HANA ICHI MONME!

YEP.

YOUR BODY'S COMING ON THE FIELD WITH US RIGHT?

WE'RE SO HAPPY WE WON, HANA ICHI MONME-

WE'RE SO UPSET WE LOST, HANA ICHI MONME-

WE DON'T KNOW WHICH KID YOU MEAN~

WE WANT THAT KID~

WAAHH

WE WANT MAO~

THEY TOOK HER.

THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT'D BE MORE STRANGE IF SHE WENT HOME WITH US INSTEAD

SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS.

HE HAS TROUBLE BEING HONEST, RIGHT?

I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND MAO'S DAD A LITTLE.

HAPPY NEW YEARS!!

YAAAY~

SAME YOU TOO.

HERE'S TO ANOTHER ONE!!

HAPPY NEW YEARS!!

SHE SENT IT TO ME TOO.

AND ME

SHE WISHED ME A HAPPY NEW YEARS!!

IT'S FROM HINA!!

OH.

CHII-CHAN TEXTED ME TOO!!

I MAY HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE BUT YOU REALLY ARE DISGUSTING HRO

WOW. .

WHY AM I GETTING THE SUDDEN URGE TO PUNCH ODA-KUN?

MAYBE!

MAYBE?!

NO I'M NOT! I JUST LOVE CHII-CHAN TOO MUCH.

YOU'RE SO CRITICAL OF HIM.

YOU GUYS TOOK MAO AGAIN...

COME ON.
LET'S GO HOME
TOGETHER!

...SH...
...ABASING A
...WOMAN IS SO
...EXHAUSTING

I WANTED MY MOM TO HELP ME PUT IT ON, OF COURSE!

THEN WHY'D YOU WEAR IT?

I KNOW I SAY THIS EVERY TIME

BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN.

LIKE WHAT?

SINCE MY REAL MOM NEVER DID STUFF LIKE THAT BEFORE.

LIKE MAKING OSECHI

I WAS ABLE TO SPEND NEW YEAR'S WITH YOU.

I'M HAPPY THAT

AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU REALLY ARE.

I THOUGHT ONCE BEFORE THAT YOU WERE LIKE A MOM.

DAIKI AND HINA-CHAN PROBABLY FEEL THE SAME.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL WARM

AND FUZZY.

I'M NOT THAT OLD.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!!

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WHY ARE YOU SAYING IT SO BLUNTLY?

IT'S SO PITIFUL.

IT REALLY IS PITIFUL.

BUT I REALIZED

THAT YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

WE CAN'T HAVE YOU WORKING YOURSELF TO DEATH ALL THE TIME!!

THEN I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE!! DON'T WORRY, I'LL BECOME THAT SOMEONE FOR YOU.

'CAUSE YOU'RE SO PITIFUL!!

BUT I'LL COMFORT YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND STUFF LIKE THAT!!

JUST SO YOU KNOW, I CAN'T BE LIKE A MOM!!

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WAS PITIFUL TOO HARSH?

N-WHAT'S WRONG, HIRO?

NAH.

LET'S GET TO BED.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR LAST YEAR, HIRO.

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IT'D BE NICE IF I COULD SOMEHOW RETURN THE FAVOR THIS YEAR.

YOU KNOW, YOU WEREN'T

YOU'RE STRANGLING ME, STUPID.

THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT SOMETHING OUT OF YOU BEING HERE.

OW!!

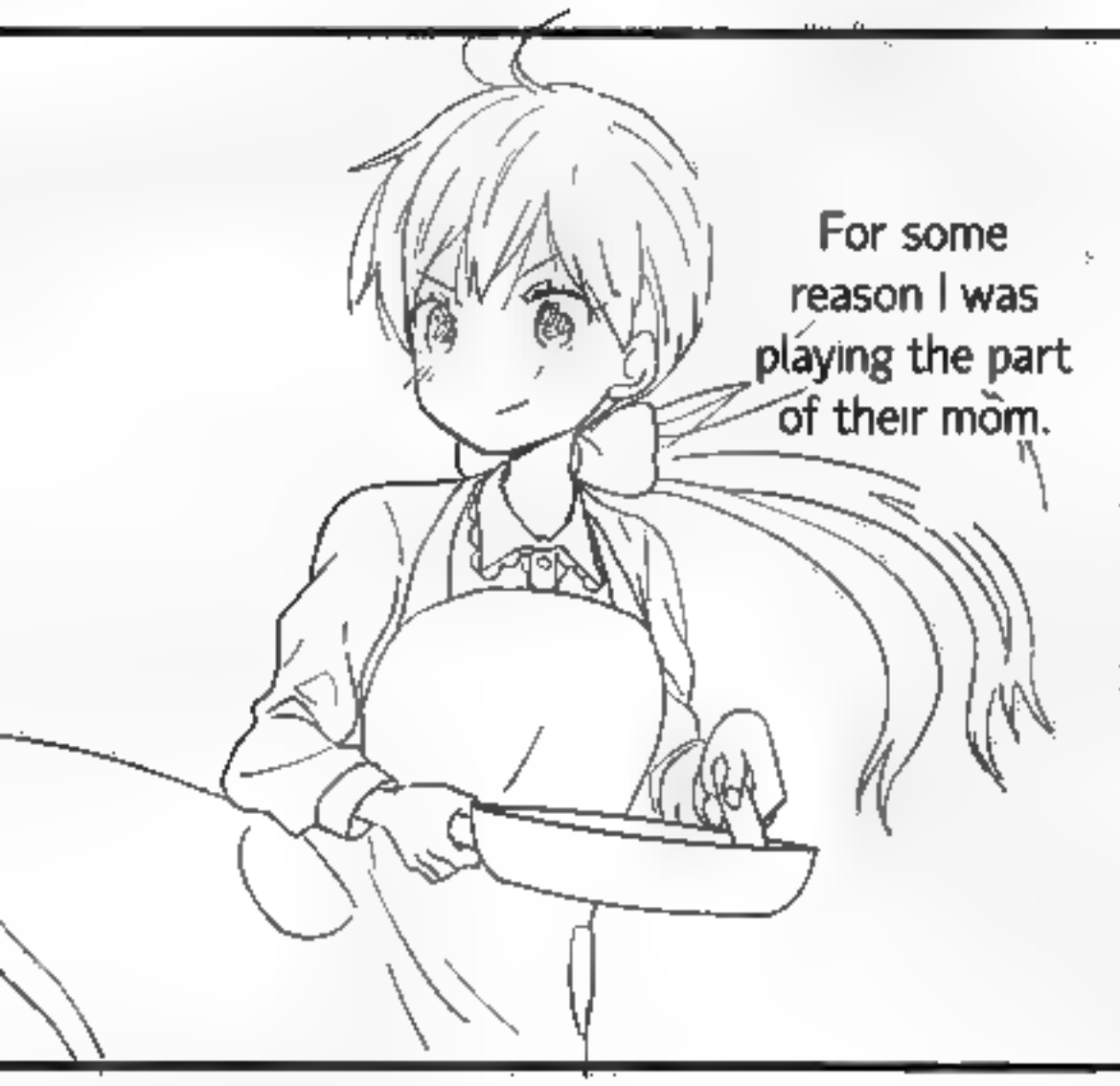
THIS PAST YEAR WAS SUCH AN AMAZING ONE

BUT UNTIL NOW I WAS ALWAYS ALONE.

NEW YEARS IS MEANT TO BE SPENT WITH FAMILY

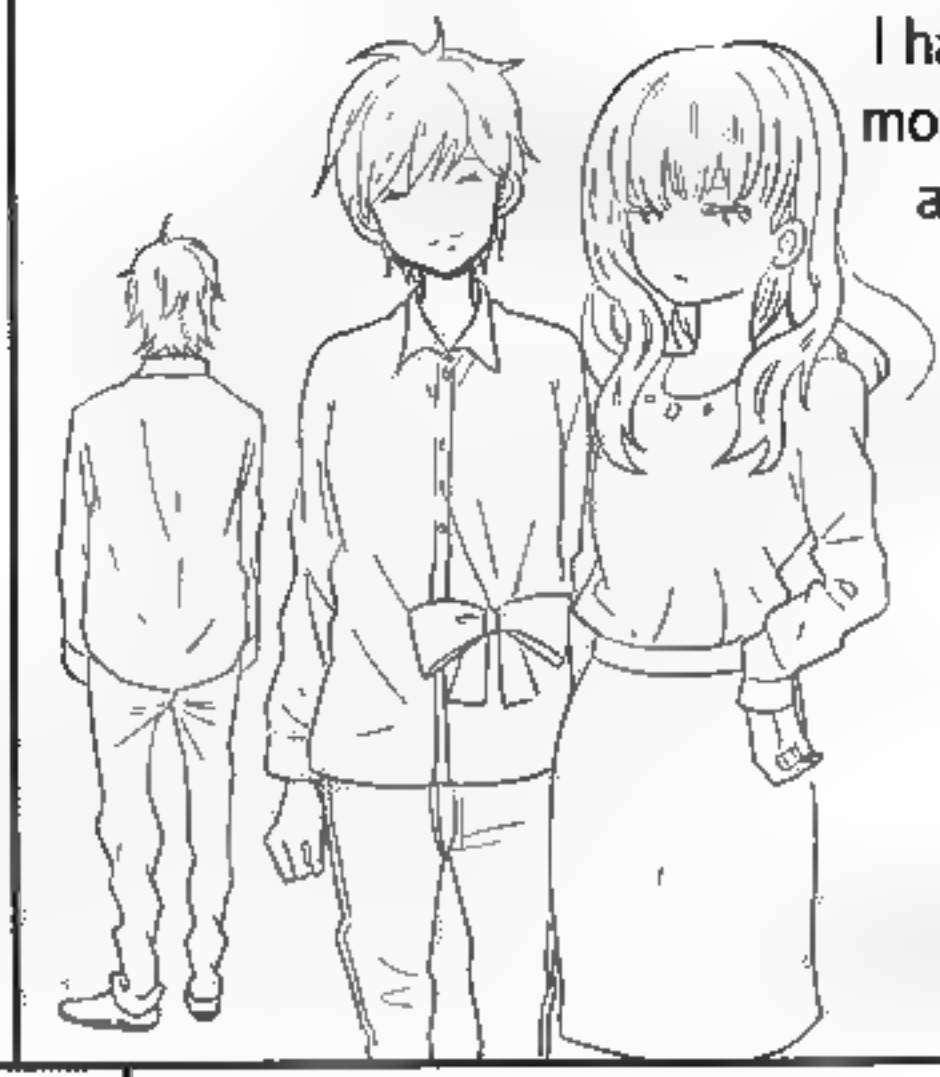
AND TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF YET ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR.

I dreamed
that night



But they didn't have a mom

I had two moms and a dad.



So I spoiled Hiro as much as I possibly could.

The thought made me so sad, I could barely breathe.

and I vowed that I'd be the best mother I could be.

What a strange first dream of the year.

or a dad.

and I'm happy we get to go together!

I can't wait for the trip

Happy new years, Hina-chan.

but I hope you like him.

My dad's a little strange

but I have a feeling it'll work out somehow.

I put your room back to the way it was, too.

I've been thinking about going back to my house for good after the trip.

Of course I'd need my dad's permission first,

MORNING.

YAWN

MORNIN' HINA!

YEAH.

OH, RIGHT.

YOUR TRIP'S TOMORROW, RIGHT?

YOU'RE GOIN' TO AKIU, RIGHT?

I'M SO JEALOUS!!

EGGPLANTS?! ISN'T THAT, LIKE, A REALLY LUCKY DREAM?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW THAT SAYING? FIRST, MT. FUJI. SECOND, HAWKS. THIRD, EGGPLANTS?

DID YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST DREAM OF THE NEW YEAR? I DIDN'T...

I ATE A MOUNTAIN OF EGGPLANTS.

*THE CONTENTS OF THE DREAM ARE SAID TO FORETELL A PERSON'S LUCK IN THE COMING YEAR

SO YOU SAY, BUT YOU LOOK PRETTY HAPPY TO ME.

DAI-CHAN SAID THOSE WERE JUST SOME OF IEYASU'S FAVORITE THINGS, SO IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING IF YOU DREAM ABOUT THEM

I'M A LITTLE HAPPY.

YEAH.

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notes

TAIYOU 40

More about Joya no Kane.
108 stands the 108 earthly desires said to be the source for all human suffering. Each time the bell rings, it purges one of these desires.

More about Hana ichi Monme.
Usually there's two sides and they split the lyrics, but here Yui sings both sides. Hana ichi monme = "A flower is one monme." Monme = a unit of weight.

More about first dreams of the New Year.
Mao's earlier segment also connects to this overall concept.
Mt. Fuji, Hawks and Eggplants are considered to be particularly lucky if you dream about them.
(Tokugawa) Ieyasu is basically a super important dude in Japanese history.

Extra Chapter

An Oblivious Girl

Jingle bells~

Jingle bells~

Hopefully it goes by quickly...

Too bad people can only enjoy it IRL

Christmas. huh.

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Ugh Okay I need to stop thinking about this

I bet Nakamura and Kuukai-san are having a lot fun right now

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I'm so pathetic!!

UWAAA!! Why did I buy a cake?!

I still have Maa-kun

Oh, that's right

I'm just so pathetic!!

All my friends are spending Christmas with their boyfriends

BLEEP

MERRY CHRIST-MAS!

AH. HEY, RUIRUI.

NO, HE'S ADORABLE,

AND HOT!!!

MAA-KUN IS SO COOL!!

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AND REALLY SMART!!

Sugimoto:
Maa-kun is so cute~
What a great Christmas

RUIRUI:
Yeah, he's so freakin' cool!!

Hah~
I feel
great.

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OH MY GOD
I JUST CAN'T
STOP!!
HE'S SO
CUTE, HE'S SO
CUTE, HE'S
SO COOL~♥
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カカカカ
I'm so
glad we're
friends~♥

This is
amazing.
"Moe" so
sweet. it can
heal the
scars on my
broken heart.

Sugimoto:
What the heck are
we doing with our
Christmas? lol

THANKS, RUIRUI. YOU'RE SO NICE...

RUIRUI:
Eh, I'm fine with this.
I wanted to talk
with you anyway.
Actually, you really
cheered me up!

IT'S SO SWEET OF HER TO THINK ABOUT ME EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND... THOUGH, I'M NOT SURE HOW TO REACT IF THAT'S THE CASE

BUT SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE ONE.

OH, I SEE.

Sugimoto:
Do you have a
boyfriend?

RUIRUI:
LOL, no way.
Why would I want a
boyfriend? lol

I could be like that...

I wish

Then I guess it was worth it.

without ever falling in love with someone.

I guess it would be incredibly lonely to go through life

Thanks, RUIRUI.

Sure.

RUIRUI:
What do you say to drinking with me 'til morning? Let's make this the best Christmas ever!

Extra Chapter / END